

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 36. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	85.7	59.1	80.0	59.4	63.4	65.1
• Passed 2 subtests	9.5	18.2	5.0	20.3	18.1	17.7
• Passed 1 subtest	4.8	9.1	10.0	12.4	11.6	10.5
• Passed no subtests	0.0	13.6	5.0	7.8	6.9	6.7

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	26.7%	15.8%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	26.7%	16.8%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	26.7%	45.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	100.0%	26.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	100.0%	N/A	
Students without disabilities	100.0%	26.7%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	100.0%	16.7%	
Female	100.0%	33.3%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	100.0%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	100.0%	33.3%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	100.0%	28.6%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	N/A
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	0.0%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$3,680	N/A	\$5,308	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.8%	Up from 90.4%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	15.6 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=375)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	N/A	N/A	34.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	3.0%	No change	10.6%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=22)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	12.3 Days	Up from 6.1	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	59.1%	Up from 52.4%	45.7%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	63.6%	Down from 66.7%	79.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	2.7%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	74.1%	N/A	84.8%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,090	Up 3.1%	\$37,683	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	0.0%	No change	3.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.8%	N/A	57.3%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	11.7%	N/A	59.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	4.5%	No change	9.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	20	N/A	31	29
• Gifted and talented	10.4%	Up from 4.1%	7.0%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	5.2%	Up from 4.3%	11.4%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.5%	N/A	6.1%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	0	N/A	464	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	0.0%	N/A	29.9%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Charlestowne Academy is the only school in Charleston County that serves students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Although our total enrollment is small, our campus is housed on the county's largest site. Our forty-four acres of land was the former home of Bonds Wilson High School and Liberty Hill Elementary School. Some of the original buildings have been renovated for our students. However, at the present time most classes are held in temporary mobile facilities. Our dedicated parents have constructed a series of boardwalks to link all classes and to facilitate student movement.

We are the only school in South Carolina that is based on a proactive parent-teacher-student partnership. When parents enroll their children in our school, they each agree to a 15-hour per quarter commitment of service to the school. Through a wide variety of donated expertise our parents have invested their heads, hands and hearts in creating a school environment that welcomes students and motivates them to learn.

Our enrollment has been based on a lottery system resulting in a wide variety of student backgrounds and abilities. Due to the strength of our back-to-basics curriculum detailed below, we have taken our broad mix of students during our four years of existence to the point where their standardized test scores are equal to or better than most of the other schools in Charleston County. For example, Buist Academy and Charlestowne Academy were the only two elementary schools in the tri-county area last year that prepared 100% of their kindergartners to read.

Our business partners to date have included Publix, Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Bi Lo, Ravenswood Plantation, Stockade Storage, Hess #40609, Bojangles, Coke Consolidated, Lowes, Piggly Wiggly, Buck Lumber and Carolina Family Care. With their help and the ongoing support of every family in the school we will continue to demonstrate the phenomenal success of our back-to-basics curriculum and our parent-teacher-student partnership.

Edward Tichi, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	76.2	47.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	42.9	31.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	85.7	88.2	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Charlestowne Academy  
1800 Pearly Lane  
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**Grades** K-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 375 Students

### Principal

Edward Tichi 843-746-1349

### Superintendent

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### Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth H. Alston 843-723-0941

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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